



TIP OF THE SPEAR

REMEMBERING KOREAN WAR'S VICTORY 60 YEARS AFTER WAR



The 60th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, which ended fighting in Korea, will be commemorated at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., July 27. Thousands of Korean War veterans will be honored for their service and sacrifice at a special program hosted by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and other senior government officials. Over 33,000 U.S. service members were killed in action while fighting in the Korean War and there are approximately 7,900 U.S.



military service members that continue to be listed as missing in action. "The cost of maintaining freedom on the Korean Peninsula was staggering in terms of

human life, but because of the sacrifices made by U.S. military service members and our Allies, 43 million people now live in peace and prosperity in the Republic of Korea," said Col. David J. Clark, director of the Department of Defense 60th anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee. [Read more](#)

[Korean War 60th Anniversary Website](#)



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon executes its "bursting bomb" formation during a Tuesday Sunset Parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va., July 9. *(Photo by Sgt. Dengrier M. Baez)*



JOB SEEKERS CAN LEARN FROM U.S. MARINES



Many wounded Marines return home with serious challenges. By improvising, adapting, and overcoming, they adjust to their circumstances and continue to achieve extraordinary things. Job seekers can also learn valuable skills from the Marine Corps by following this mantra -- improvise, adapt, and overcome. The three elements are vital for transcending any obstacle in one's life and accomplishing an intended mission, especially when it comes to finding a career. Improvising means confidently making the most of any situation with the options at hand, and possibly considering new opportunities a job seeker wouldn't ordinarily

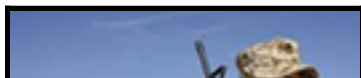
apply for. To adapt, applicants need to embrace change rather than resist it. Finally, to overcome, they need to defeat the situation rather than letting the situation defeat them. [Read more](#)

PROGRAM ASSISTS MARINES IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS



The Marine Corps Leadership Scholar Program (LSP) aims to assist exiting Marines gain admission to colleges and universities for their desired undergraduate programs, assuring a smooth transition back to civilian life. "The LSP plays a critical role by advocating on behalf of Marines, to college admissions boards," said Sgt. Michael Liao, who will be attending Princeton University, June 2014, upon his exit. To participate in the LSP, Marines must be high school graduates and possess a minimum combined score of a 70 on the Armed Forces Qualification Test and a General Technical score of 115 or higher. [Read more](#)

MARINES, NAVY READY TO RESPOND TO EGYPT



The U.S. military repositioned a group of crisis response units off the coast of Egypt as the local political crisis continued to seethe. The USS



San Antonio, bearing the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, is one of three ships that moved into the Northern Red Sea to respond to a series of potential missions, including rescues within Egypt, delivering supplies, and more drastic contingencies, such as securing the nearby Suez Canal. The force is 2,200-strong, including the USS Kearsarge, an amphibious assault ship, and the USS Carter Hall, a landing ship. [Read more](#)

LEGENDARY WARRIOR EXEMPLIFIES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MARINE



Staff Sgt. Cliff Wooldridge was named the 2013 Military Times Marine of the Year. Woolbridge became an instructor with Marine Corps Security Force Regiment in 2011, less than a year after single-handedly defeating a Taliban fighter by blunt force of his machine gun. Wooldridge served as an anti-tank missileman in 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, out of Twentynine Palms, Calif., as they pushed through a deployment in Helmand province in 2010. It included heavy combat in Musa Qala and Sangin districts, where insurgents were deeply entrenched. He received the Navy Cross in May 2012 for his heroism in Afghanistan. [Read more](#)

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS PLANS MASSIVE EXPANSION



The National Museum of the Marine Corps is launching a seven-year \$100-million project to document the service's history from the end of fighting in Vietnam to today's conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. To do so, its facility on the outskirts of Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., will nearly double in size, growing from 112,000 to 200,000 square feet by 2020. The expansion will unfold in stages, featuring the addition of an IMAX-style movie theater, and refurbished aircraft and combat vehicles along with a host of new exhibits. Construction of the new wing is scheduled to begin in 2015. [Read more](#)

MARINE SAVES CHILD'S LIFE, AWARDED ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL



Staff Sgt. Benjamin G. Whalen was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal July 8 for rescuing a 14-year-old boy at the Hagerstrom Pool on Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. James B. Hecker presented the medal to Whalen, and recognized 10 other individuals who played vital roles in the June 25 rescue. Whalen noticed the boy at the bottom of the pool, pulled him out with the help of others, and administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation until emergency services arrived. "In the face of crisis, these individuals spurred to action and collectively helped save the life of a member of our Kadena family," said

Hecker. [Read more](#)



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

JULY 18, 1918

The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.



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MEN PREP FOR MARINE CORPS MARATHON IN MEMORY OF FALLEN FRIEND



Ross Brink, Brandon Padilla, Dan O'Callaghan and Terry Vandebosh, will be running the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., Oct. 27, in honor of their friend and fallen Marine, Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Price. Price was a part of the Marine Corps Special Operations Command (MARSOC). The four runners are members of a 36-person group running for Miles for MARSOC, a team raising money for the MARSOC Foundation. The non-profit foundation supports active duty and medically retired MARSOC personnel and their families, as well as the families of Marines killed in action. [Read more](#)

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